

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HIV AIDS STUDY PROGRAMMED BY IGNOU

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has any plan to launch several courses and formal study programmes on social work and HIV/AIDS as reported in "Time of India" dated March 11, 2008;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The academic year from which such course and formal study programmes are likely to be started by the IGNOU in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has informed that it has launched following programmes on HIV/AIDS:

- i. Six month certificate programme on HIV/AIDS and Family Education (CAFÄ%) from academic year 2002;
- ii. One year diploma programme on HIV/AIDS and Family Education (DAFE) from Academic year 2003; and
- iii. Bachelor in Social Work (BSW) with three compulsory courses on HIV/AIDS, Family Education and Substance Abuse from academic year 2004.
- iv. The University has decided to offer Master's in Social Work (MSW) with an elective course on HIV/AIDS:

Stigma, Discrimination and Prevention and optional papers on HIV/AIDS, Family Education and Substance Abuse in all its Under Graduate programmes, namely BA/B.Sc./B.Com, with effect from July 2008. It also has a plan to offer one course each on HIV/AIDS and on Adolescence and Family Education in its Teacher Training Programme (B.Ed) sponsored by MHRD and UNICEF.